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**CENTRAL LIBRARY HOSTS ‘PHILOSOPHY TALK’ DISCUSSION ON:  
*AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE HUMANIST TRADITION***  
*Lectures and Discussions Connect Richness of Philosophical Thought to Everyday Life*

**San Diego, CA...** The next installment of San Diego Public Library’s PHILOSOPHY TALK will be on *African-Americans and the Humanist Tradition* on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Rare Book Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street. This free event is part of the conference "*Toward a Reasonable World: The Heritage of Western Humanism, Skepticism, and Freethought*," to be held September 16-18, 2011 at the Town and Country Resort and sponsored by San Diego State University.

Professor Roy Whitaker of SDSU’s Religious Studies department will present a lecture discussion on how humanism and free-thought have played a strong role in developing black political and philosophical thought. Most people are familiar with the profound significance of religion in African-American history and life, however, few are aware of the motivating role humanism has had in shaping the black experience in the United States.

Philosophy Talk is designed as a safe and collegial opportunity to connect the richness of philosophical thought to everyday life. It is part of the Library’s “talk series,” including literature, mythology and science that seeks to illuminate inquiries of human culture. **Neither the Library sponsorship nor hosting constitutes an endorsement of the content or the views expressed by the participants.**

The conference will feature a variety of scholars and thinkers of the history of Unbelief in the West and other interesting religious and anti-religious movements. For more information please visit the conference website: <http://reason.sdsu.edu>.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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